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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Title:

Please amend the title by inserting the phrase --AND CERTIFICATES FOR
USE THEREIN-- after the phrase "CERTIFIACTE EXTENSIONS".

In the Claims:

Please amend line 1 of Claim 68 by replacing the word "method" with --
certificate--.

Respectfully submitted,



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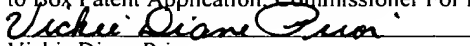
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